

## Employment and Training Administration, Labor

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also will provide the basis for drawing a clear distinction between fraud and error.

*C. Does the agency take adequate action with respect to publicity concerning willful misrepresentation and its legal consequences to deter fraud by claimants?\**

*Explanation.* To meet this criterion, the State agency must issue adequate material on claimant eligibility requirements and must take necessary action to obtain publicity on the legal consequences of willful misrepresentation or willful nondisclosure of facts.

Public announcements on convictions and resulting penalties for fraud are generally considered necessary as a deterrent to other persons, and to inform the public that the agency is carrying on an effective program to prevent fraud. This alone is not considered adequate publicity. It is important that information be circulated which will explain clearly and understandably the claimant's rights, and the obligations which he must fulfill to be eligible for benefits. Leaflets for distribution and posters placed in local offices are appropriate media for such information.

7515 *Evaluation of Alternative State Provisions with Respect to Erroneous and Illegal Payments.* If the methods of administration provided for by the State law do not conform to the suggested methods of meeting the requirements set forth in section 7511, but a State law does provide for alternative methods of administration designed to accomplish the same results, the Bureau of Employment Security, in collaboration with the State agency, will study the actual or anticipated effect of the alternative methods of administration. If the Bureau concludes that the alternative methods satisfy the criteria in section 7513, it will so notify the State agency. If the Bureau does not so conclude, it will submit to the Secretary the results of the study for his determination of whether the State's alternative methods of administration meet the criteria.\*

### PART 615—EXTENDED BENEFITS IN THE FEDERAL-STATE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROGRAM

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#### § 615.1 Purpose.

The regulations in this part are issued to implement the "Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970" as it has been amended, which requires, as a condition of tax offset under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (26 U.S.C. 3301 *et seq.*), that a State unemployment compensation law provide for the payment of extended unemployment compensation during periods of high unemployment to eligible individuals as prescribed in the Act. The benefits provided under State law, in accordance with the Act and this part, are hereafter referred to as Extended Benefits, and the program is referred to as the Extended Benefit Program.

#### § 615.2 Definitions.

For the purposes of the Act and this part—

(a) *Act* means the "Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970" (title II of Pub. L. 91-373; 84 Stat. 695, 708), approved August 10, 1970, as amended from time to time, including the 1980 amendments in section 416 of Pub. L. 96-364 (94 Stat. 1208, 1310), approved September 26, 1980, and in sections 1022 and 1024 of Pub. L. 96-499 (94 Stat. 2599, 2656, 2658) approved December 5, 1980, and the 1981 amendments in sections 2401 through 2404 and section 2505(b) of Pub. L. 97-35 (95 Stat. 357, 874-875, 884) approved August 13, 1981, and the 1982 amendment in section 191 of Pub. L. 97-248 (96 Stat. 324, 407) approved September 3, 1982, and the 1983 amendment in section 522 of Pub. L. 98-21 (97 Stat. 65, 148) approved April 20, 1983.

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